

MEMORANDUM

To: PSAT/NMSQT School Coordinators, High School Principals, and Counselors

From: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Assessment
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Date: July 11, 2018

Re: Guidelines for PSAT/NMSQT Administration to Students Enrolled in Grades 10 and 11

Background:

As previous guidance discussed, HEA 1426 (2018) removed the requirement to administer Accuplacer to determine remediation needs. However, according to IC 20-32-9-3 a student must be notified before the fall semester of Grade 11 if the student will require remediation at a postsecondary educational institution or workforce development program. The criteria for determining if remediation is required is based upon the student's score on a national assessment of college and career readiness. Starting with 2018-2019, PSAT will serve as an indicator of the need for remediation.

Guidance:

The Indiana Department of Education offers the PSAT beginning in 2018-2019 to students enrolled in Grades 10 and 11 to provide insight for remediating students' strengths or deficiencies for college and career readiness.

- The cost for **all Grade 10** students to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT will be covered by the Department.
- The cost **for Grade 11 students that did not receive a passing score** on the ISTEP+ Grade 10 assessment (i.e., student proficiency is Did Not Pass or Undetermined) in the spring of their Grade 10 year will be covered by the Department to participate in the PSAT/NMSQT. The Department encourages corporations and schools to use the data from this assessment to determine growth and take advantage of remediation opportunities offered through free resources provided in Khan Academy.
- The exam will be administered on **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 or the alternate date of Wednesday, October 24, 2018.**

If you have any questions, please contact Tarrell Berry, tberry2@doe.in.gov, or Dr. Jennifer Jensen, jjensen@doe.in.gov.